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In re application of: )  
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Sonnenberg et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2131  
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Application No. 09/471,630 ) Examiner: Jackson, Jenise E.  
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Filed: 12/24/99 ) Date: February 5, 2004  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR )  
SELECTIVE COMMUNICATION )  
SCANNING AT A FIREWALL AND A )  
NETWORK NODE )

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2003, please enter the following amendments believed to place the claims in condition for allowance.

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